

Bobolink Meadow's prairie restoration **1** has been ongoing since 1989, making it one of the older efforts in Chicago's parks.

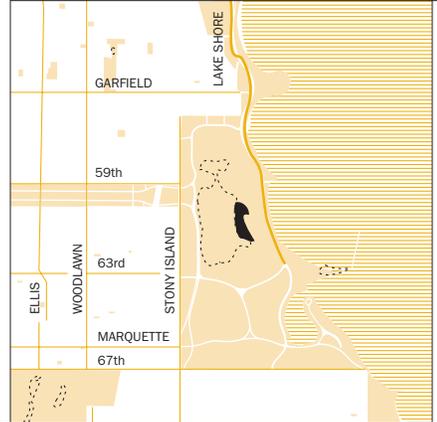
It was built on the 1893 World's Fair grounds, in an area which was turned into a public golf course shortly after the exhibition, and then leased by the U.S. Army for its Nike missile base (1956–1971). It lies today along the edge of Jackson Park Lagoon, across from the Paul H. Douglas Nature Sanctuary (site 41, p. 70). Nodding wild onion blooms in early summer, and by July, the delicate pink blossoms

of obedient plant are abundant. In the late summer and fall, various species of goldenrods and asters make a colorful spectacle. Butterflies and dragonflies are common sights.

North of Bobolink Meadow is Bobolink Woods **2**, a small woodland that provides a shady transition from prairie to parking lot.

JACKSON PARK—  
BOBOLINK MEADOW

Site No 63

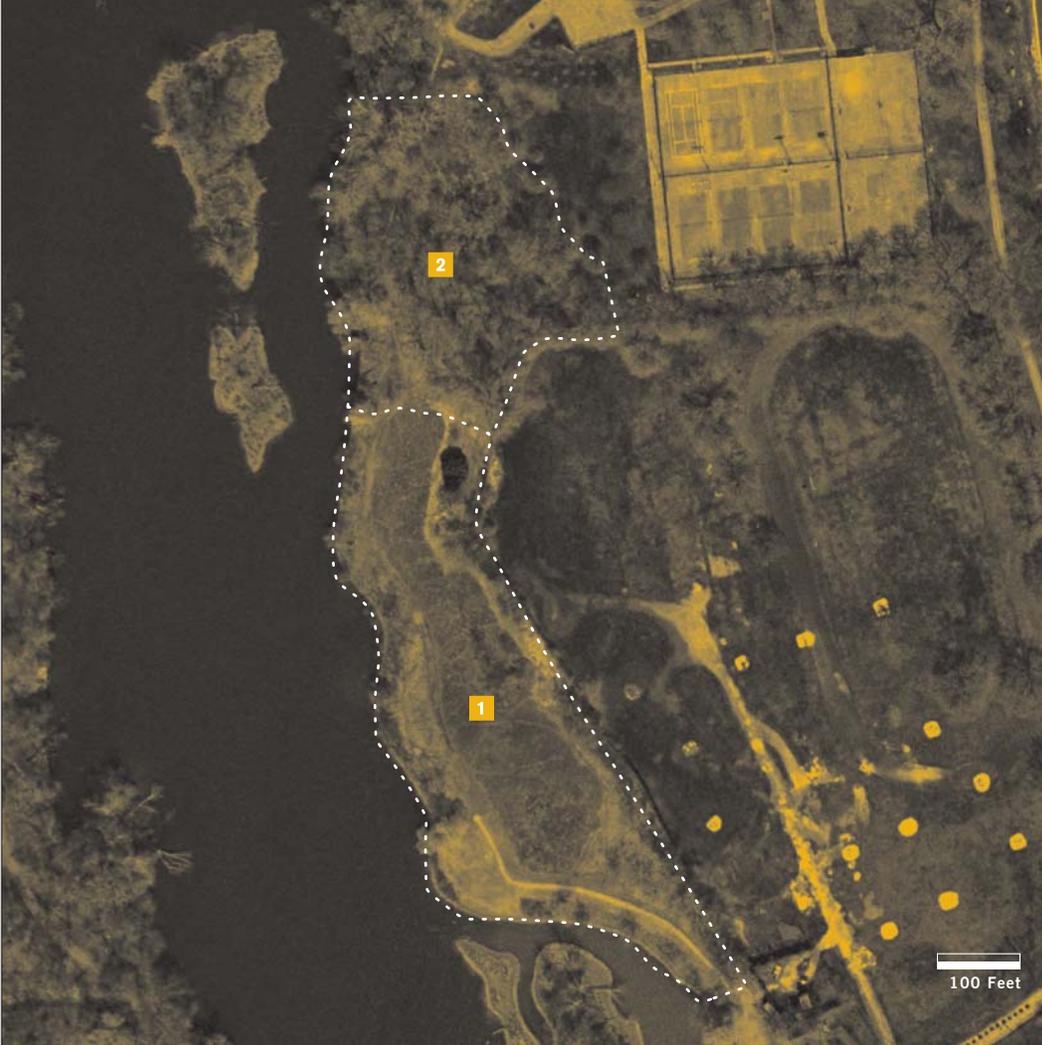


6400 SOUTH / 1800 EAST



**Jackson Park—  
Bobolink Meadow**

No 63



ADDRESS 6401 S Stony Island Ave  
OWNER Chicago Park District, Private  
ACREAGE 5.39

HABITATS  
**1** Prairie / Grassland  
**2** Forest / Woodland

DIRECTIONS Exit Lake Shore Drive at Science Drive (access road to the Museum of Science and Industry's east entrance, directly south of 57th Street); Follow Columbia Drive to the left (south) and park at the south end of the lot for quick access to Bobolink Meadow.

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